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Alumni Couples Invited to Reception at Kissing Bridge

Couples holding hands up the hill often find themselves at a familiar landmark on campus -- the kissing bridge.

Western legend says that if couples kiss on the kissing bridge, they'll get married.

According to *WKU Spirit*, Western's alumni magazine, 11,937 alumni are married to another graduate.



Some of those couples who met on the Hill and later married have been invited back to Western for a reception at the kissing bridge, said Donald Smith, assistant vice president in alumni relations.

The dinner and reception will take place on Oct. 26, said Andrea Haynes, assistant director in alumni relations.

The dinner was planned after the alumni magazine published the love stories of six Western couples.

WKU Spirit Magazine asked for alumni to send in stories about how they met their spouses at Western for an issue.

The magazine got responses from 106 couples telling their stories, and even though it couldn't publish them all, alumni relations wanted to do something special for those who took the time to submit stories, Haynes said.

"We have a lot of married couples, and we thought it would be neat to have this for them," she said.

A reception will take place at the kissing bridge, in the area behind Cherry and Van Meter halls. Couples will be able to get their picture taken there. A dinner will follow in Van Meter Auditorium, she said.

Haynes said this will be a chance for alumni to come back to campus and share their stories.

Couples are coming from across the nation.

A couple that lives in Oregon is attending the event, Haynes said.

Music is being provided by music professor Marshall Scott and music instructor John Martin, she said.